



KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

AUGUST BOARD NOTES

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***COMMENTS FROM DAVID KAREM, KENTUCKY BOARD OF
EDUCATION CHAIR – KSD GRADUATION REFLECTIONS AND
CLARIFICATION ON REPEAL OF COMMONWEALTH DIPLOMA***



It was my distinct honor to be part of the graduation ceremony at the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) on August 3 for former KSD African-American students. To deny individuals a diploma based on the color of their skin was egregious and the Kentucky Board of Education members were united in correcting this situation. See the article below for more details on the long overdue graduation ceremony for these individuals.

Additionally, we have continued to receive inquiries on why the board repealed the Commonwealth Diploma regulation. Although KDE has distributed information on this to school districts, I am including clarifying points below taken from Commissioner Holliday's blog of August 5 to ensure that the explanation gets widely broadcasted. Those points are:

- The Commonwealth Diploma was never a legislative action. The Kentucky Board of Education enacted regulatory language to set the conditions for the diploma.
- One component of the diploma is reimbursement for AP courses for which students meet requirements. The funding for this reimbursement was never appropriated and has been paid for from Gifted and Talented funds.
- The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has not been able to meet all funding requests in recent years, so the reimbursement has not been equal among schools and districts.
- Admissions counselors look more closely at GPAs and scores on Advanced Placement assessments and do not recognize the Commonwealth Diploma.
- School districts now have the capacity to implement any recognition they wish for diplomas.
- Seniors for the 2011-12 school year are grandfathered-in. Any student in the Commonwealth Diploma pipeline who graduates in 2011-12 will receive the recognition.
- Prior to registration for courses for the 2012-13 school year, a committee will bring

recommendations back to KBE regarding the recommended parameters for special diploma recognition. These special recognitions could include but not be limited to STEM, career/technical, arts, world language and Advanced Placement.

Questions on the repeal of the Commonwealth Diploma program can be directed to Robin Chandler at robin.chandler@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-9850.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN KSD STUDENTS RECEIVE LONG-OVERDUE RECOGNITION AT GRADUATION CEREMONY

For African-American students attending the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) between 1930 and 1955, it was discovered that they were unfortunately discharged from the school without official recognition of graduation, due to the color of their skin. The Kentucky Board of Education and Kentucky Department of Education corrected this injustice by awarding diplomas to these individuals in a graduation ceremony held at KSD on August 3.

Chair David Karem offered a public apology to those who received their diplomas and stated, “The Kentucky Board of Education and Kentucky Department of Education sincerely regret that this injustice occurred and intend to correct these past occurrences through the issuance of diplomas to all African-American students who were enrolled at KSD during this time period. The stain of segregation and denial of rightfully earned recognition cannot be completely erased by issuing these diplomas, but we hope that this action – and our sincere apologies – will bring long-deserved closure for these former students.”

Seventy-five (75) individuals were identified to receive these diplomas. Of the 75, thirteen (13) were able to be located and invited to the ceremony. Graduates who attended to receive diplomas at the ceremony were:

John Henry Brown
Emerson Lee Clay
Oscar Hamilton
Emma Bell Hill Heard
Marilyn B. Allen Jones
Pearlene Briscoe Mollet
Richard David Riley
Norma Jean Williams
Beatrice Mollet Woodson (accepted by Henry Woodson)

The names of all other individuals eligible to receive diplomas but who were unable to attend were called aloud to honor them.

For more information on the graduation ceremony, contact Mary Ann Miller at Maryann.Miller@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-3141.

BOARD ELECTS 2011-12 OFFICERS AND SETS 2013 MEETING DATES

In a unanimous vote on August 4, the Kentucky Board of Education re-elected David Karem of Louisville as its chair and elected Roger Marcum of Bardstown as its vice chair. The results of the election were effective immediately.

The board also set meeting dates for 2013 as follows:

KBE MEETING DATES 2013

February 6, 2013	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 10, 2013	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 5, 2013	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 7-8, 2013	KBE Retreat meeting & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 9, 2013	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 4, 2013	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For more information on board officers and meeting dates, contact Mary Ann Miller at maryann.miller@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-3141.

FINAL APPROVAL GIVEN TO TWO REGULATIONS AFFECTING NEW ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

Two regulations were given final approval by the Kentucky Board of Education that define major pieces within Kentucky's new accountability system. The first was 703 KAR 5:230, Next-Generation Instructional Programs and Support (Final). This regulation specifies the requirements for inclusion of program reviews within the new system. Highlights of the regulation's requirements include:

- Program reviews shall be field tested along with public reporting of results beginning in 2011-12 for arts and humanities, practical living/career studies and writing.
- Beginning in 2012-2013, field testing and public reporting shall occur for the kindergarten through third grade program evaluation and world language program reviews.
- Beginning in 2012-2013, the arts and humanities, practical living/career studies and writing program reviews shall be included in accountability.
- Beginning in 2013-2014, the kindergarten through third grade program evaluation and world language program reviews shall be included in accountability.

The other regulation given final approval was 703 KAR 5:220, School and District Accountability Recognition, Support and Consequences. It provides a classification system for schools and districts along with recognition levels and support/consequences for certain categories. Highlights of the regulation include:

- An overall score is to be made up of a compilation of the three accountability components of Next-Generation Learners, Next-Generation Instructional Programs and Support and Next-Generation Professionals.
- The weight of each component within the overall score will be Next-Generation Learners (achievement, gap growth, readiness for college/career and graduation rate) 70; Next-Generation Instructional Programs and Support (program reviews) 20; and Next-Generation Professionals (percent effective teachers and percent effective leaders) 10.
- The total number of points in the overall score shall classify schools and districts into one of three categories: Distinguished, Proficient and Needs Improvement (Low, Medium or High).

For more specific information on 703 KAR 5:230 contact Felicia Smith at Felicia.smith@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-9850. For details on 703 KAR 5:220, contact Larry Stinson at larry.stinson@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-5130.

CAREER READINESS DEFINITION FINALIZED

On August 3, the Kentucky Board of Education approved a definition for career readiness that will be part of the Next-Generation Learners component of accountability. Additionally, the board approved how to reflect a bonus for students considered both college and career ready.

The following proposals were approved:

Career Ready: Must meet benchmarks for one requirement in Career Academic area and must meet one requirement in Career Technical area.

Bonus – College AND Career Ready: Must meet at least one from each area.

<p>Career Ready Academic Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)</p> <p>ACT Work Keys (Applied Math, Locating Information, and Reading for Information)</p>	<p>Career Ready Technical Kentucky Occupational Skills Standards Assessment (KOSSA)</p> <p>Industry Certificates</p>	<p>College Ready Academic</p> <p>ACT or COMPASS or KYOTE</p> <p>Notes: (1) By meeting the college ready academic definition, the student does not have to take the additional tests of ASVAB or WorkKeys for the bonus area. (2) For accountability purposes, the bonus shall not allow the readiness percentage to exceed 100 percent.</p>	<p>Career Ready Technical</p> <p>KOSSA</p> <p>Industry Certificates</p>
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For more information on the career readiness definition and the bonus, contact Ken Draut at ken.draut@education.ky.gov or via phone at (502) 564-2256.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the June 7-8, 2011, meeting
- Statement of Consideration relating to 703 KAR 5:200, Next-Generation Learners
- Appointment of Amanda Burns, Nan Ternes, Claire Batt, Natalie Croney, and Synthia Shelby to the Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee
- 2011-2012 Preschool Funding Rates
- Request from the State Consortium on Board Examination Systems districts for waiver of 704 KAR 3:305, Minimum Requirements for High School Graduation, Section 2, for an alternative graduation model
- Request from the Partnership for Next Generation Learning districts for waiver of 704 KAR 3:305, Minimum Requirements for High School Graduation
- New District Facility Plans for Paducah and Raceland-Worthington Independent School Districts
- 2010-11 Local District Working Budgets
- KETS FY12 Unmet Need for LEAs
- FY 2012 KETS Expenditure Plan
- Travel expenses for board members desiring to attend the 2011 NASBE Annual Conference
- Authorization for Kentucky's delegate to the 2011 NASBE Conference to vote for Kristen McKinley for president-elect
- Appointment of the Sam Robinson Award Selection Committee with Mary Gwen Wheeler as chair and Brigitte Ramsey and Dorie Combs as members
- Appointment of the State Evaluation Appeals Panel with Roger Marcum as chair and Martha Jones and Bill Twyman as members
- Scheduling of a hearing for potential removal of a local board member on September 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. EDT
- Formation of a representative stakeholder group by KHSAA to study whether all Kentucky middle schools should be required to comply with KHSAA health and safety requirements and report back to the board prior to the December 2011 meeting

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- Strategic Plan Update
- 2012-2014 Biennial Budget Additional Funding Items
- Annual Report of the Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children (KECSAC) and Legislative Budget Request
- Update on persistently low-achieving schools and on school districts in consequences, Year 5
- Potential issues for inclusion in the board's legislative agenda for the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly
- TELL Kentucky Survey Follow-up; Possible Recommendations and Policy Implications
- Alternative Education Program Regulation

- KDE Employment Report
- Evaluation of the commissioner

KBE MEETING DATES

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<u>2011</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 5, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 7, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE MEETING DATES 2012

February 1, 2012	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 4, 2012	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 6, 2012	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 8-9, 2012	KBE Retreat meeting & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 10, 2012	Regular meeting	Frankfort
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For questions on meeting dates, contact Mary Ann Miller at 502-564-3141 or via e-mail at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the August 3, 2011, retreat meeting conducted at the Kentucky School for the Deaf in Danville, Kentucky and the August 4, 2011, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For additional information about the Kentucky Board of Education meetings, agendas, minutes or special accommodations needed for attending meetings, contact Mary Ann Miller, Policy Advisor, at (502) 564-3141.

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